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quantity to be shipped to each destination cannot be predetermined. This clause protects the interests of both the Government and the contractor during the course of the performance of the contract.

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#### 47.305-17 Returnable cylinders.

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 52.247-66, Returnable Cylinders, in a solicitation and contract whenever the contract involves the purchase of gas in contractor-furnished returnable cylinders and the contractor retains title to the cylinders.

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#### 47.306 Transportation factors in the evaluation of offers.

When evaluating offers, contracting officers shall consider transportation and transportation-related costs as well as the offerors' shipping and receiving facilities.

#### 47.306-1 Transportation cost determinations.

When requesting the transportation officer to assist in evaluating offers, the contracting officer shall give the transportation officer all pertinent data, including the following information:

- (a) A complete description of the commodity being acquired including packaging instructions.
- (b) Planned date of award.
- (c) Date of initial shipment.
- (d) Total quantity to be shipped (including weight and cubic content, when appropriate).
- (e) Delivery schedule.
- (f) Contract period.
- (g) Possible use of transit privileges, including stopoffs for partial loading or unloading, or both.

#### 47.306-2 Lowest overall transportation costs.

(a) For the evaluation of offers, the transportation officer shall give to the contracting officer, and the contracting officer shall use, the lowest available freight rates and related accessorial and incidental charges that (1) are in effect on, or become effective

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before, the expected date of the initial shipment and (2) are on file or published on the date of the bid opening.

(b) If rates or related charges become available after the bid opening or the due date of offers, they shall not be used in the evaluation unless they cover transportation for which no applicable rates or accessorial or incidental costs were in existence at the time of bid opening or due date of the offers.

#### 47.306-3 Adequacy of loading and unloading facilities.

(a) When determining the transportation capabilities of an offeror, the contracting officer shall consider the type and adequacy of the offeror's shipping facilities, including the ability to consolidate and ship in carload or truckload lots.

(b) The contracting officer shall consider the type and adequacy of the consignee's receiving facilities to avoid shipping schedules that cannot be properly accommodated.

### Subpart 47.4—Air Transportation by U.S.-Flag Carriers

#### 47.401 Definitions.

As used in this subpart—

*Air freight forwarder* means an indirect air carrier that is responsible for the transportation of property from the point of receipt to the point of destination, and utilizes for the whole or any part of such transportation the services of a direct air carrier or its agent, or of another air freight forwarder.

*Gateway airport abroad* means the airport from which the traveler last embarks en route to the United States or at which the traveler first debarks incident to travel from the United States.

*Gateway airport in the United States* means the last U.S. airport from which the traveler's flight departs or the first U.S. airport at which the traveler's flight arrives.

*International air transportation* means transportation by air between a place in the United States and a place outside the United States or between two places both of which are outside the United States.